

HIGH SCHOOL ADDS MORE WORK IN TRADES FOR BOYS OF EL PASO

Practical Application To Be Given More Closely To Business and Trades Instruction; By Changing Instruction Program, City Gets Some Federal Aid For Making Better Citizens Out of Its Pupils.

By J. R. STINE, VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTOR.

DURING the active war work the military authorities were continually calling for men skilled in the various trades. This brought home to us another lesson of the serious need of vocational training. The government appreciated this need when "The Smith-Hughes Act" was passed providing for part payment of all teachers engaged in strictly vocational work. The El Paso board of education wisely equipped manual training and machine shop departments and the schools are offering excellent courses in shop practice. But much is yet to be done if we mean to reach the standard set by other cities whose ideals and aspirations are no higher than our own.

In some cases new courses of study are to be added and old ones revised to meet the demands of practical training. In order to come up to the standard set by the "Smith-Hughes act" whereby we will receive government aid, we must add to our courses of instruction, classes in vocational arithmetic, vocational science, vocational English, vocational business, vocational civics, vocational economics, vocational law, vocational agriculture, and various other courses as conditions warrant. Some of these courses are new and a word of explanation will help to make the matter clear as to just what the schools are trying to do. To those boys who are taking strictly industrial courses planning to become efficient machinists, woodworkers and so forth must pursue certain vocational courses. The course in vocational



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Before entering the aviation service Mr. Lester was connected, as salesman, with the El Paso Overland company for several months.

Making Better Men For Various Trades

By R. J. TIGHE,
Superintendent El Paso Schools.

FOR several years past industrial leaders, economists, legislators and educators of this country have been interested in devising plans for a higher state of vocational efficiency in this country. The culmination of these preliminary efforts came when Congress passed the Smith-Hughes act about two years ago. This act provides for cooperation between the federal government and the states in the promotion of vocational education in agriculture, trade, home economics and industry.

In order to encourage better training in the vocations, the law provides for federal appropriations extending over a period of ten years beginning with 1917-18. These grants, or allowances, began last year with \$1,000,000 and they are to be increased annually until they amount to \$1,500,000 in 1927-28. There was available for this state last year for \$225,000 for its course in agriculture and its radio school. During the current year this state's share will be \$312,500. It should be alive to the possibilities available in these grants for vocational education. Especially is this true now when a great reconstruction program is before the world and particularly before the United States.

We have therefore determined to rearrange our high school curriculum with a view toward offering courses that will prepare our students for the problems immediately before them. It is proposed to outline for all subjects in vocational training: shop mathematics, vocational English, shop arithmetic, vocational civics, vocational science, vocational economics, vocational law, vocational agriculture, vocational home economics, vocational business administration. We are now offering the following lines of vocational practice: Architectural drawing, agriculture, household economics, woodwork, machine shop practice, bookkeeping, stenography and typewriting.

Every effort will be made to acquaint the student body with the advantages offered in these courses through instructive talks to be given by members of the high school faculty during the remainder of this semester. Parents are invited to attend the assembly periods to discuss the courses with the faculty members and they are asked to advise with their children regarding them.

Broadening the School.
All of this work will eventually lead to a vocational guidance department for the high school with one or more experts to advise boys and girls as to the kind of work they are best fitted by nature and training to follow.

I believe that this vocational work is the most advanced yet taken in secondary education. Heretofore, courses have been made for the ten percent who were preparing for college and those who entered commercial pursuits. Under this new dispensation it is proposed to give better preparation to the 90 percent who go to their life work from our high schools.

The One Thing The High School Needs

By A. H. HUGHES,
Principal El Paso High School.

THERE is a side of high school work which is daily growing in importance, and this is the practical side. The United States government has seen fit to promote the vocational side of educational endeavors by substantial appropriations recently. Apparently it is thought that vocational training is the main field for improvement in high school work.

The El Paso high school has a standing with universities that is second to none in the country. Its certificate is recognized by any college or university that accepts the certificates of any high school or any preparatory school for entrance. The students who have recently entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of California on the certificate of the El Paso high school are proof of their thorough preparation for college entrance. About 60 percent of each year's graduating class go to college and reports from the authorities of every university which they attend speak in the highest terms of their preparation. Consequently the El Paso high school is not a preparatory school for college. The El Paso high school has had for years instruction in commercial branches which have successfully trained many boys and girls for positions in the city. Also we have had for years instruction in practical work in manual arts for both boys and girls. This has not been as

closely connected with the trades themselves as it will be in the future. Connecting Up the Work.

The new departure is the creating of a department of vocational courses, which will connect up the actual training in the trades given in manual arts and other work with the academic courses which have heretofore been made for the college preparatory nature. In other words students looking toward machine shop work or any line of woodwork or printing or other well known trades, as well as studies in mathematics, science, English, etc., which have a bearing on the subject, will be able to take the least interfere with college preparatory students or college preparatory subjects, but will be simply added to the school curriculum for students who cannot expect to become prepared for college, or do not expect to attend a higher institution.

For the Average Boy.
There is no reason why a boy who has had years of instruction in the grades preceding the high school should not enter these practical subjects at the high school, provided only that he is of high school age and that

he is taking vocational training in the trades whose roll calls are now being taught at the school.

It is hoped that the information of the new opportunities now offered at the El Paso high school will become well known in the city and that boys will take advantage of the new school work which has given up literary education.

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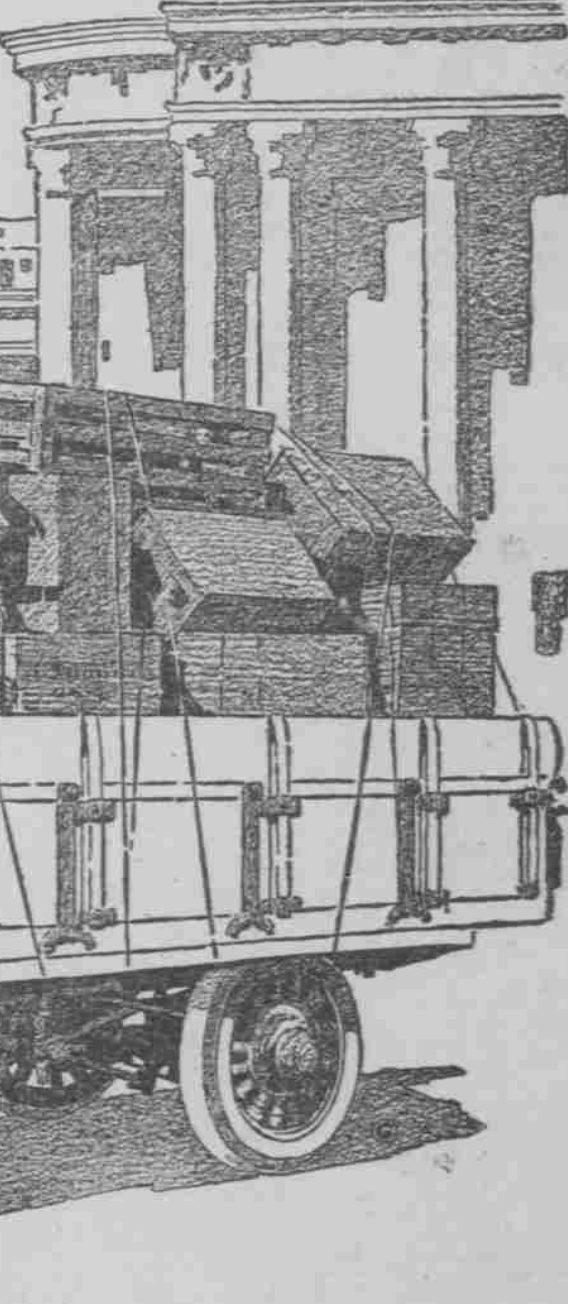
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**ARIZONA MINING MAN
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Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 14.—Through the arrival of the couple here, on their way to Courtland, local information has come of the late wedding in Pasadena, Cal., of Wm. J. Young Jr. and Mrs. Edith Choate Oesting of Pasadena. Mr. Young is well known in Arizona through mining operations in Courtland and Mammoth. The bride is the former wife of Chas. W. Oesting, one of the prominent club men of San Diego, Cal., and is niece of Rufus Choate of that city.



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